

18 October 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White
SUBJECT : Death Gratuity Payment

1. After reporting to you this morning on Mr. Pforzheimer's memorandum, attached, I decided to check again with him to make sure that it might be possible for CIA to "ride in" with the Armed Forces on another version of S.3525, which Walter suspects will be taken up in the 84th Congress. As you will recall, there is provision for a \$1000 death payment in our Career Service legislative package.

2. Walter said that it was his opinion that the Armed Forces would be "unhappy at the prospect of CIA or any other Agency riding in on their legislation," allegedly since this compounds, potentially, the difficulties incident to its passage.

3. He did think that we should use this bill, and the particular language pertaining to dependents, as a model in framing our own legislative request on this same topic. He did not think that we should wait to see what happens to their bill before taking action on one of our own.

4. As much as anything, he wanted his memorandum to serve the purpose of advising you that the problem was under serious consideration elsewhere in Government, and that, therefore, our own similar request would not be untimely.



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